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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7506

BILL NUMBER: SB 530

NOTE PREPARED: Apr 9, 2009

BILL AMENDED: Feb 16, 2009

SUBJECT: Indiana-Michigan Boundary Line Commission.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Stutzman

FIRST SPONSOR: Rep. Dvorak

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 2nd House

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
X DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill establishes the Indiana-Michigan Boundary Line Commission to direct a retracement survey of the original 1827 Indiana-Michigan boundary. It provides that the law establishing the Commission expires July 1, 2015.

Effective Date: July 1, 2009.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) *Indiana-Michigan Boundary Line Commission:* This bill establishes the Indiana-Michigan Boundary Line Commission. Commission members are not entitled to compensation for services but may be reimbursed for expenses. The Commission will be comprised of five county surveyors, one from each of the following counties: Elkhart; LaGrange; LaPorte; St. Joseph; and Steuben. The Commission must meet at least four times a year. Any request for reimbursement must comply with the policies and procedures of the Department of Administration and be approved by the State Budget Agency.

Survey of the Indiana-Michigan Border: The bill provides that the Commission shall administer and oversee a survey and remonumentation of the Indiana-Michigan border. They are to procure surveying services through the Indiana Department of Administration (IDOA), and that any contract awarded must be awarded to a company incorporated in Indiana. The survey will install permanent monumentation at the mile post positions as established by the original government survey of 1827. If Michigan does not participate in the project, then the Commission may not replace lost mile post positions.

The cost for the survey is estimated to be \$250,000 per year for two years for a total cost of about \$1 M over a two-year period of time. The total cost is to be shared evenly between Indiana and Michigan. The bill does

not contain an appropriation for the survey.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Department of Administration; Indiana-Michigan Boundary Line Commission.

Local Agencies Affected:

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